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Sunny

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Isolated T-Storms

High: 80
Low: 56

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High: 72
Low: 54



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One year after the murders of 32 Virginia Tech students, Mary Washington students and staff gather in front of George Washington Hall to remember the events of April 16, 2007 with a moment of silence. From the left, sophomore Mary Kate Magdycz, junior Mike Dooley and sophomore Gayle Armentrout mourn the fallen while the bell tolls a symbolic 32 times.

Mary Wash Bids for Faster Net Provider

Commercial Providers Will Increase Speed and Security

By ANNIE KINNIBURGH
Assistant News Editor

The fall 2008 semester will bring relief for students frustrated with UMW's spotty internet access and slow download speeds.

The University is currently in negotiations to purchase extra bandwidth from a commercial provider that would alleviate internet-related problems.

"The demand from the whole community, not just the residence halls, has been growing," said Chip German, vice president of information and technology. "We've reached the point where this has to happen."

The additional bandwidth will result from a direct connection between the campus and the city of McLean. German referred to Northern Vir-

ginia as the "internet capital of the world."

"Northern Virginia has the greatest concentration of huge capacity connections in the area," he said, calling that area a "reservoir" of available bandwidth.

To provide the direct connection, UMW put in a request for bids from major telecommunications companies like Verizon and Cox.

The University will choose the company that offers the best price quote.

The current bandwidth operates at 44,736 megabits per second. German said that the University hopes to get as much as four to five times that amount with the help of a new

provider.

"That would double or triple our current connection speeds," he said.

Frequent network problems in residence halls across campus have resulted in students being unable to load websites, use instant messaging software or access the UMW network through Cisco Clean Access Agent.

These problems can be caused by heavy student traffic or even in-

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Students Walk for Honduras

By JESSICA MASULLI
Staff Writer

When a group of Mary Washington students began a campus organization with the aim of helping orphans in Honduras, they never expected what their efforts would create.

What started as a small effort to collect pencils and pens for the Coppome Orphanage has expanded into a large-scale fundraising and relief effort comprised of students from several universities.

They are working to help the impoverished children and families of El Progreso, Honduras.

The group hopes to raise a quarter of a million dollars from the SHH Walkathon, which will be held Saturday, April 19, on the undergraduate campus. There will be over a thousand people from 20 schools, plus members of the Fredericksburg community, three bands playing on the steps of George Washington Hall, a raffle, children's games, an alumni reception, free massages, food, and drinks.

"The Walkathon has evolved into more than just a walk," said UMW chapter president and senior Justine Simeone. "It is a party."

SHH founder Shin Fujiyama, a 2007 UMW graduate, even flew in from Honduras for the Walkathon. Along with him was Maria Suyapa Reyes, a graduate of the orphanage. Only 5 percent of Hondurans attend college, and even fewer do so after leaving the orphanage.

Reyes has been an exception. She is a student at Unitec, a university in Honduras, on full scholarship. While here she has been attending various SHH events, including a cocktail evening at Brompton, and talking to clubs and people all over campus about the importance of SHH.

The Walkathon is not all this group

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Combs Renovations Push Programs Out

By CHELSIE MEREDITH
Staff Writer

The contract is set to be finalized by April 24.

John Wiltenmuth, associate vice president of facilities services, said that the current HVAC system, installed during renovations in 2002, does not supply sufficient humidity control.

Because of the renovations, summer school participants taking courses in historic preservation, English, linguistics and speech will be relocated

to other academic buildings such as Chandler or Dupont.

The move was coordinated by department chairs and Vice President for Academic Affairs Rosemary Barra.

Kennedy said that the relocation of classes is only for the duration of the summer.

"It's inconvenient, but for a very short term," Kennedy said. "It will not disrupt the regular academic year."

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For A Few Dollars Fewer

"Through this challenge, students are asked to spread the word about global poverty."

— Melanie Walter



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Weekly Events

Student Research and Creativity Day



Students Present Semester's Work Friday, April 18 duPont Hall Program begins at 11 a.m.

Undeniably the Last Show



UMW's Undeniably Adjacent Performs Friday, April 18 Combs 139 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Free

Final Cheap Seats



Juno and Cloverfield Last Films of Spring Fri., Sat., Sun. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monroe 104

Events courtesy of OSACS. If you would like your event listed, contact The Bulletin at newsxcrew@gmail.com. Send a flyer image if possible.

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Police Beat

By Katy Burnell
News Editor



April 8—At 12:24 a.m., a 20-year-old Randolph Hall resident called to report an act of vandalism. The distressed student returned to campus from her Dover, Mass. home to find her \$900 laptop coated with nail polish remover. She did not wish to file a report or pursue the matter.

April 8—At 10:00 p.m., a 22-year-old Bushnell Hall resident summoned Campus Police to the scene of a burglary. Two cases of hamburger patties in the common area fridge valued at \$50 each went missing between 9:30 and 10 p.m. There are no suspects or witnesses in the on-going investigation.

April 9—At 3:00 a.m., a Virginia Hall R.A. alerted Campus Police after witnessing two men and one woman run down campus walk past her building in the direction of Jefferson Hall. The suspicious persons fled the scene after allegedly tearing down a panel of the construction wall outside of Lee Hall. The fence sustained \$500 damage. There are

no suspects in the on-going investigation.

April 9—At 9:12 a.m., Campus Police were summoned to the second floor of George Washington Hall, where an administrative employee was suffering from severe chest pains. Emergency Rescue personnel transported the woman to Mary Washington Hospital.

April 9—At 10:15 p.m., a 19-year-old male Mason Hall resident reported his wallet stolen from the storage cubicles in the fitness center reception area. The brown leather wallet and its contents are valued at \$110. There are no suspects or witnesses in the on-going investigation.

April 10—At 2:27 p.m., a UMW groundsworker reported finding a sleeping pallet and trash on the west side of the baseball field at the battlegrounds athletic complex. The responding officer discarded what police believed to be a homeless individual's belongings.

April 10—At 9:39 p.m., Campus Police rushed to the second floor of South Hall, where a would-be baker inadvertently set off the fire alarm with a botched attempt at home-made cheesecake. His concoction overflowed onto the heating element, sending smoke billowing through his residence hall. By the time Fredericksburg Fire and Rescue arrived on-scene, the cheesecake was toast.

April 11—Around 10:30 a.m., campus police received several complaints from students and staff members in the vicinity of Jepson Hall, where a white male dressed in black from head to toe was allegedly yelling and cursing. The responding officer accosted the suspicious person and ascertained that Harold C. Adams of Fredericksburg was upset about a ticket that he had just received. After Adams expressed his frustration to the officer about the loitering ticket that he had been issued in Stafford County, he was given a trespass warning and escorted off campus.

Hurley Relays MW

The Board of Visitors Appoints Hurley Transition Team Leader for Soon-to-Be Pres. Hample

By JUSTIN TONEY
News Editor

As has been standard policy at Mary Washington for all past presidential hires, the Board of Visitors has asked the University community not to contact incoming President Judy Hample.

In a March 20 letter to the University community, Rector Bill Poole named a nintermediary between Hample and anyone wishing to contact her before she officially begins her duties as president on July 1 of this year.

This means that acting University President and Vice President for Administration and Finance Rick Hurley has yet another title to add to his collection.

As the Transition Team Leader, one of Hurley's primary duties is to act as a liaison between the University of Mary Washington and its newly appointed President Hample.

"It's a more efficient use of her time if I collect peoples' wants and needs, and deliver them to her," said Hurley.

In an interview, Hurley recalled an instance in which he sent Hample a summary of the University's ongoing Dalgrin project.

According to Hurley, he apologized for taking up more of her time, and Hample thanked him for recognizing that she already has a job.

Until July 1 when she officially becomes UMW President, Hample will continue to serve in her current position



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as chancellor for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

According to Hurley, Hample is working to train her replacement.

The Board of Visitors have followed this procedure in the past when they



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Acting President Hurley now acts as a liaison between Incoming President Hample and UMW.

appointed Vice President of Information and Technology Chip German as the point of contact for former President William J. Frawley while Frawley still worked for George Mason University.

APA Wins Big Case

By ELIZABETH NOWROUZ
Associate Editor

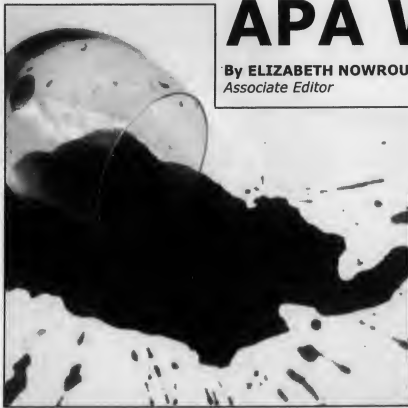


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A Virginia judge this month overturned legislation that made it illegal for college publications to advertise alcohol, on the grounds that the law was in violation of the students' right to free speech.

The law banned alcohol sales ads as well as mentions of alcohol-related activities such as "happy hours" from being printed in school newspapers.

In 2006, a lawsuit was filed by the Americans for Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) against the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), stating that the ban was illogical and unfair. This suit was filed by the ACLU on behalf of the Collegiate Times and the Cavalier Daily, the students newspapers of Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia.

According to the ACLU, the legislation was put into action in an effort to deter

underage drinking, but no legitimate statistics have been brought forth to prove any connection between alcohol-related ads and underage alcohol consumption.

"I really do think this whole issue is about free speech," said Roy H. Smith, UMW professor of psychology. "That said, the impact of alcohol in student publications is minimal, so I don't see any huge effect on actual alcohol abuse on campus."

The judge ruling in the case cited the lack of verifiable evidence and took into consideration the money lost by these papers for having to limit their advertisements. According to the April 1 issue of the Washington Post, the judge stated that many of the students reading these publications were of legal drinking age already, and all would see the same sort of advertisements in other publications.

SHH Holds Third Walkathon

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has been doing. Its biggest accomplishment this year was the Americas Global Giving Challenge, sponsored by Facebook and Case Foundation. The competition was between non-profit organizations to see who could receive the most donations above \$10.

Although SHH joined the challenge ten days late, it managed to receive \$30,000 in donations from 1,700 people. This put them in second place, with an additional prize of \$50,000.

Thanks in part to the publicity about the organization's success, SHH membership has continued to rise on the Mary Washington campus, and elsewhere.

When UMW freshman Ashley Jordan saw SHH at Club Carnival she decided to attend the first meeting. She is now planning on traveling to Honduras to volunteer next year.

"The meeting and cause really pulled me in," she said. "This semester, I have done a kids carnival, baked for

bake sales, and talked to residence halls about donating money."

Justin Simeone, who is chairperson for the national board, has been involved with the group for the past three years.

"I got involved as a sophomore through a film about Honduras," Simeone said. "I thought I had to be part of this because it was so special and different."

For Simeone, it is about breaking the cycle of poverty by helping provide the girls in the Copprorne orphanage with an education.

The situation in Honduras is particularly devastating. The unemployment rate is the highest in Latin America at nearly 30 percent, and half the population is considered below the poverty line. For children,

education is hard to come by since school entrance fees and bus fares to get there are often too much.

SHH has been helping them by raising donations—more than half a million dollars so far—and by sending student volunteers to Honduras.

"We estimate that over 300 people have traveled to Honduras in the two and a half years," Simeone said.

"Over this year's winter break we had 125 students from 13 universities travel there."

In 2006, SHH's first Walkathon raised \$148,000 that went to building an education center at the Copprorne orphanage. Some money also went to creating a school and improving homes in Siete de Abril.

“The Walkathon has evolved into more than just a walk. It's a party.”

—Justin Simeone

In 2007, the Walkathon topped the year before with \$288,000. With this money, SHH was able to buy land and construct a new village, Villa Soleada, for 50 impoverished families of the town of Siete de Abril.

A concern for the SHH volunteers has been that young women were leaving the Copprorne Orphanage when they turned 18 with no support or education. Nearly half of the girls become pregnant six months after leaving Copprorne, often due to prostitution or unhealthy relationships. SHH is now trying to raise enough money so that the girls can go to college safely.

This year's Walkathon is trying to raise \$250,000 to fund a Women's Collegiate Leadership Program, a program that will provide the women with scholarships, housing, tutoring, financial training, and sex education.

Fujiyama is confident that SHH will succeed in its latest endeavor.

"I see even bigger things for the future," Fujiyama said, "with so many capable young people on our team."

Viewpoints

Staff Editorial

Where were you on April 16, 2007?

When the news started running confused, chaotic footage captured by student cell phones that morning, what were you doing? Do you remember?

Hokies remember everything about that day with greater clarity than most Americans experience when thinking about 9/11. They probably won't ever forget what they did the night before, what they were wearing that morning, what their final words were to friends they would never see again.

Long after graduation, long after major life events like marriage and children, Hokies will remain bound together by the actions of a single person on a single day. There will be no forgetting, nor should there be.

Yesterday, we were all Hokies. We said it in our Facebook status and our IM away messages. We wore maroon and orange and stood outside George Washington Hall at noon while the bell rang 32 times, once for every Virginia Tech student killed one year ago yesterday.

But no matter how high our own emotions run we will not be able to come close to the levels of grief, loss, sadness and anxiety that flooded the Blacksburg campus yesterday.

Yesterday was a day of mourning at Virginia Tech. Campus life stopped and, for just a day, students quit trying to "move on."

For just a day, life didn't rush madly by while unimaginable loss lurked in the background.

We can sympathize and we can empathize with those affected by the tragedy, and we do. Most of us know at least one person at Tech—high-school acquaintances, close friends, even relatives.

Some of us know someone who was killed. Like Tech students, some of us will never forget.

But some of us will.

Right now, we remember watching the news. We remember frantically calling friends; we remember our parents frantically calling us. But those memories will fade in time, as all memories do. It's a natural process—nothing to be ashamed of and nothing to fight against.

For the moment, though, remember. Even if you can't remember where you were or what you were doing, remember who you know.

Take more than just a few symbolic minutes outside GW. Do something for someone you know at Virginia Tech. Call a friend you've fallen out of touch with. Leave a Facebook post on the wall of that girl you took American History with during sophomore year of high school.

Even if the memories are already fading, remember just a little bit longer.

SGA Member Asks For Unity

The following letter was written in response to "SGA Inefficiency is Due to Apathy" (April 10, 2008, The Bulletin.)

In last week's *Bullet* issue, one Catherine Dexter wrote an article entitled "SGA Inefficiency Due to Apathy."

I do agree that apathy is a huge problem on campus, which is demonstrated by the small percentage of people who are involved on campus through the Student Government and other venues.

However, I believe that her attack on the Student Government Association members is wrong, and I am very ashamed that some of us have resorted to name calling.

In the article Dexter wrote, she said, "At a particularly heated board meeting where the possibility of Newman resigning was discussed, Sinha told the gathered board members that Senate was only a small percentage of Newman's responsibilities as SGA Vice President, compared to her other duties."

Being a committee chair myself and having taken part in the board room discussion, I argue that Dexter has grossly taken out of context what Sinha was saying.

Jacqui Newman served nobly as our Senate President for an entire semester, while at the same time helping Sinha and the greater SGA get many things done.

However, when she got a job half way through spring semester with a few weeks left before transition, a few senators wanted Newman to step down. They wanted to hold elections to elect a new Senate president to serve for the remaining few weeks until transition, because Newman could only make every other Senate meeting on Wednesdays.

However, she continued to get as much done with the SGA as she could before the end of the year. Had she been removed at that point, everything that the SGA was working on would be permanently stalled.

In saying what he did, Sinha meant no disgrace to the Senate, but was simply suggesting that what SGA was currently doing was more urgent.

This year's SGA spearheaded a call for a better internet connection and their actions have resulted in UMW receiving increased bandwidth next year, as well as better e-mail accounts.

The SGA also should be applauded for the record breaking homecoming, increasing relations with the town and expanding the "Care to Share" program, which donates items to the town that students would otherwise throw out. These are just a few of the achievements that the SGA has made.

Furthermore Sinha and his cabinet have discussed his entire platform with the administration several times and many issues are under consideration.

In fact, the only reason that many are not enacted is that there are budget cuts coming from Richmond.

It is not a problem that everyone did not attend the "The Leadership Conference" but we should now be focused on watching those who attended to see if they learned anything that could be valuable for the student body.

We must realize that those few people who are in student government are doing many more activities than the normal student for the most part and we must remember that many of our student leaders might not have been able to attend for that reason.

I know personally I am involved in over ten clubs on campus and I am probably in club meetings more than I am in class every week; I personally spend all of Saturdays catching up on studying. I know this might not go for all the student leaders but I am sure many others are under the same situation.

Also, the student body elected James Martin, though nobody ran against him. If people are that angry over what he did then they should have been more involved and tried to take his position.

I want to point out Mary Wagoner and thank her for picking up the club. I believe that she was a good example of how we should have unity and if we lose a person in a club, not to fret over it, but appoint someone else. She also showed that as a group, and a community those that are left should move on with the organization.

From the James Martin conflict we were able to see what happens when a leader suddenly disappears.

If the "LAC struggled with retaining members and restructuring the organization because of an inefficient and useless organizational structure left by Martin," what would have happened had Newman been removed from her office?

We would have been left with a Senate struggling to hold itself together just as the LAC had to struggle to hold itself together.

I end this article with a call for unity.

As a student body should stick together and not be attacking one another for it is anti-productive. If anyone in the student body has any problem with how the school works then I would love to see them get involved with the student government or even a club and try to change what they don't like.

Many groups are already trying to make a difference instead of complaining that they are not making change.

In the words of the great Patrick Henry, "united we stand and divided we fall."

Michael Downey is a freshman member of the Finance Committee and the UMW Senate.

Olympics Urge Human Rights

BY LUKE HOSTETTER
Guest Columnist

A shadow has been cast over the typical celebration and joy that surrounds the arrival of the summer Olympics. The human rights record of China has thrown the 2008 Games into a sea of controversy and is threatening to extinguish the eternal Olympic flame.

China's presence in Tibet is inciting protests and violence across the world, undermining the unifying symbolism of the Olympic Games.

I've been involved with athletics my entire life and the Olympics always held significant meaning to me.

The summer Olympics represents the bringing together of countries and athletes from around the world, regardless of ethnicity, religious beliefs, or culture. It is one of the few moments in this world where all people are regarded as equals. Once you are on the track, field, or in the water, there are

no prejudices; you are judged on performance, and not on ideals. The Olympics functions as a test of world humanity, and evaluates the state of our global community.

For these very reasons, the recent controversy with Tibet has troubled me.

I cannot argue with the current demonstrations. If I felt I was being victimized, I would take whatever steps necessary to have my voice heard.

My hope is that these demonstrations and protests will ultimately have a unifying outcome, and act as a rallying call for human rights and freedom across the world.

While it is unfortunate that the spirit of the Olympics is tarnished by protests and violence, I feel that China should be allowed to host these Olympic Games and countries should not protest them.

Human rights are one of the most important and sensitive topics any country faces. Throughout U.S. history countless violations of these rights have been committed; from the American Indians, to slavery, to civil rights, to Abu Ghraib,

and to the atrocities committed today in Iraq.

Does this mean we are not suited to host the Olympics either?

Most of the western world does not comprehend the scale which China operates. Stability is crucial in a country that hosts 20% of the world's population (1.32 billion people).

The recent Tibetan protests are threatening the stability and safety of people across China. However, when the government attempts to quell these large-scale protests, the western media makes China out to be further violating human rights.

China is working hard to change the perception of its country, and wants to demonstrate this resolve to the world. Less than 20 years ago the Chinese government killed hundreds of people in Tiananmen Square; progress is being made.

Does this excuse the treatment of the Tibetan people?

No, it does not.

China has to listen to the voices of the Tibetans who cry out for freedom, and take steps to resolve this situation. But to strip the Olympics from

China or for other nations to protest the games would not be appropriate.

In 1936 the Olympics were hosted by Nazi Germany. While the Germans won most of the medals, an African-American athlete named Jesse Owens won four gold medals in front of Adolf Hitler and stole the hearts of the German public in a country where segregation and racial discrimination was the norm. Owens' performance will go down as one of the most memorable in Olympic history, despite the controversy surrounding the games.

While this is not a comparison of China to Nazi Germany, let us not lose site of the purpose of these games: To bring together all athletes from across the world, regardless of ideals, to compete for the world to watch, and ultimately unify us as a global community in the spirit of sport.

If we fail in doing this, then I'm afraid we are failing the test of our humanity.

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Viewpoints

Sexclimations

By KJ Adler, Staff Writer

When I was a little girl, my dad loved taking me to the auto shows.

They were great. The two dollar pretzels and nachos, the "who-can-maintain-contact-with-a-car-longest" contests, the concept cars—they all added a special something to the whole experience.

But what always got me was that the tradition of having gorgeous models in skimpy clothes posing on a car was fading. Isn't that a huge factor in the general advertising scheme? Sex means sell?

But what do cars even have to do with sex?

For some reason I have come across this strange correlation between sexiness and shifting gears: Being able to take control in an all leather interior with a hot babe beside you while the wind whips through your hair as you rev the engine down a long-stretched road.

In the commercials, it can be hot and exotic. In the real world, sex and cars do not mix.

For starters, our era is just not car sex friendly.

That era passed a long time ago back when boat cars were still all the rage and a back seat could fit at least four.

However, today's car is leaning closer to the compactness trend. Sure we had a few crazies fall under the Hummer spell, but most people drive compacts, trucks or station wagons.

And while two of the three aforementioned cars lean more towards the larger size of things, there is still a lot of limitation with regard to car loving.

First of all, no one really considers the stick shift. If you are hanging in the front seat with your honey, that little doohickey can be a real hassle even if you two lovebirds are simply making out.

Not to mention the fact that the front seat is pretty much divided between the two sides of the car these days with the cup and coin holders.

"If you are a lucky enough person to also own a back seat within your car, you may be thinking 'Well heck, it would be a lot easier back there!'"

But despite the extra room, in our heightened generation it is still really tough to go full length on the seat. Plus roof space is always an issue.

The best case scenario? A convertible, rooftop down, girl on top.

The problem? You would have to pull off somewhere sketchy and wish your lucky stars that a patrolman doesn't see you.

Whatever happened to those lookout points or lover's lanes we've heard about from back in the day? Nowadays most people are reduced to a parking lot or a private driveway.

The worst, however, is doing the deed while driving. Yes, it is possible and it gives you unlimited bragging rights for years after.

But honestly, I think that driving while under the influence of lust is way worse than alcohol. And to go through the whole shebang while driving is totally illegal.



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Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now

By Susannah Clark, Viewpoints Editor

There's an Easy-Bake Oven in my basement.

While this statement is probably applicable to countless other suburban family households, I have a feeling no one else can say theirs was purchased for and by the same 17-year-old brat.

My mother was, among other things, a toy snob. She avoided the commercial and the tacky.

I grew up with homemade Halloween costumes and American Girl dolls, no batteries required. There was no Nintendo, no Super Soakers, and most tragically, no Easy-Bake Oven.

I'm pretty convinced that my lack of cooking skills today can be attributed to this deprivation.

Every Christmas, every birthday, every trip to the toy store meant to be shopping for someone else. I begged and begged for Hasbro's knock-oven, and to no avail. The miniature cookies and cake remained unbaked, and I was forced to lead a childhood of desserts made from Play-Doh.

Whether my desire to bake unidentified powder with a light bulb stemmed from a future-desperate-housewife complex or a mere excuse to satisfy my sweet tooth, I cannot say. I can say that my yearning did not go away with age.

Hence that fateful Saturday morning when I lugged a used Easy-Bake Oven into the house, purchased from the yard-sale Mecca that is northern Virginia.

Here's the thing of it: it's been three years, and I still haven't used it.

I've come to the conclusion that my desire for an Easy-Bake Oven was out of pride rather than

nostalgia. This is my way of sticking it to my parents.

How badass.

My overly-trusting parents were not strict in the slightest. I was that kid who didn't have a curfew, but was somehow by home 1 a.m. every night regardless.

I missed out on classic teenage rebellion, and how am I making up for it? I'm re-seizing my youth through material objects.

The Easy Bake Oven was just the beginning.

In my final three years of teenager-hood I have purchased formerly forbidden items such as Doodle Bears, Spice Girl Barbies, the first season of the ultra-vulgar "Ren and Stimpy Show," and "Saved By The Bell" ... the board game.

Take that Mom. At least I never got anything pierced.

As the junk piles accumulate and I constantly pay homage to my former child, the ghost of Susannah Clark Present has started her nightly visits.

Now that the thrill of being able to eat McDonalds whenever I want has subsided, I realize my efforts to prove my new found freedom are not only in vain, but rather expensive. It's time for

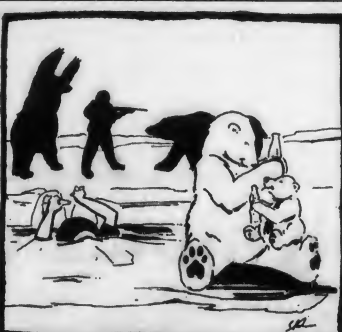
the spoiled brat to sit in the stewpot.

Quite frankly, the thousands my parents are currently paying for college tuition pretty much makes up for the \$29.99 they saved by not buying me an Easy Bake Oven.

Maybe there's more to parenting than buying toys after all.

But I am still waiting for that Barbie birthday cake I never got.

I missed out on classic teenage rebellion, and how am I making up for it? I'm re-seizing my youth through material objects.



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Letter to the Editor: Internet Woes

Dear Editor:

It should have been a typical Sunday night for me, spent working on Economics homework while actually surfing Facebook and chatting with my friends on AIM.

I say it should have been because that wasn't what I was doing. What I was doing, instead of procrastinating on my work, was writing this letter.

You see, I wasn't able to surf Facebook—or access any website besides the University's, apparently—because the internet wasn't working.

Now if this had been the first time perhaps I would have simply sighed in frustration and texted someone to bitch about it.

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Viewpoints

Sexclamations

By KJ Adler, Staff Writer

When I was a little girl, my dad loved taking me to the auto shows.

They were great. The two dollar pretzels and nachos, the "who-can-maintain-contact-with-a-car-longest" contests, the concept cars—they all added a special something to the whole experience.

But what always got me was that the tradition of having gorgeous models in skimpy clothes posing on a car was fading. Isn't that a huge factor in the general advertising scheme? Sex means sell?

But what do cars even have to do with sex?

For some reason I have come across this strange correlation between sexiness and shifting gears. Being able to take control in an all leather interior with a hot babe beside you while the wind whips through your hair as you rev the engine down a long-stretched road.

In the commercials, it can be hot and exotic. In the real world, sex and cars do not mix.

For starters, our era is just not car sex friendly.

That era passed a long time ago back when boat cars were still all the rage and a back seat could fit at least four.

However, today's car is leaning closer to the compactness trend. Sure we had a few crazies fall under the Hummer spell, but most people drive compacts, trucks or station wagons.

And while two of the three aforementioned cars lean more towards the larger size of things, there is still a lot of limitation with regard to car loving.

First of all, no one really considers the stick shift. If you are hanging in the front seat with your honey, that little doohickey can be a real hassle even if you two lovebirds are simply making out.

Not to mention the fact that the front seat is pretty much divided between the two sides of the car these days with the cup and coin holders.

If you are a lucky enough person to also own a back seat within your car, you may be thinking "Well heck, it would be a lot easier back there!"

But despite the extra room, in our heightened generation it is still really tough to go full length on the seat. Plus roof space is always an issue.

The best case scenario? A convertible, rooftop down, girl on top.

The problem? You would have to pull off somewhere sketchy and wish your lucky stars that a patrolman doesn't see you.

Whatever happened to those lookout points or lover's lanes we've heard about from back in the day?

Nowadays most people are reduced to a parking lot or a private driveway.

The worst, however, is doing the deed while driving. Yes, it is possible and it gives you unlimited bragging rights for years after.

But honestly, I think that driving while under the influence of lust is way worse than alcohol. And to go through the whole shebang while driving is totally illegal.



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Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now

By Susannah Clark, Viewpoints Editor

There's an Easy-Bake Oven in my basement.

While this statement is probably applicable to countless other suburban family households, I have a feeling no one else can say theirs was purchased for and by the same 17-year-old brat.

My mother was, among other things, a toy snob. She avoided the commercial and the tacky.

I grew up with homemade Halloween costumes and American Girl dolls, no batteries required. There was no Nintendo, no Super Soakers, and most tragically, no Easy-Bake Oven.

I'm pretty convinced that my lack of cooking skills today can be attributed to this deprivation.

Every Christmas, every birthday, every trip to the toy store meant to be shopping for someone else, I begged and begged for Hasbro's

mock-oven, and to no avail. The miniature cookies and cake remained unbaked, and I was forced to lead a childhood of desserts made from Play-Doh.

Whether my desire to bake unidentified powder with a light bulb stemmed from a future-desperate-housewife complex or a mere excuse to satisfy my sweet tooth, I cannot say. I can say that my yearning did not go away with age.

Hence that fateful Saturday morning when I lugged a used Easy Bake Oven into the house, purchased from the yard-sale Mecca that is northern Virginia.

Here's the thing: it's been three years, and I still haven't used it.

I've come to the conclusion that my desire for an Easy-Bake Oven was out of pride rather than

nostalgia. This is my way of sticking it to my parents.

How badass.

My overly-trusting parents were not strict in the slightest. I was that kid who didn't have a curfew, but was somehow by home 1 a.m. every night regardless.

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The Easy Bake Oven was just the beginning.

In my final three years of teenhood I have purchased formerly forbidden items such as Doodle Bears, Spice Girl Barbies, the first season of the ultra-vulgar "Ren and Stimpy Show," and "Saved By The Bell" ...the board game.

Take that Mom.

At least I never got anything pierced.

As the junk piles accumulate and I constantly pay homage to my former child, the ghost of Susannah Clark Present has started her nightly visits.

Now that the thrill of being able to eat McDonalds whenever I want has subsided, I realize my efforts to prove my new found freedom are not only in vain, but rather expensive. It's time for

the spoiled brat to sit in the steptop.

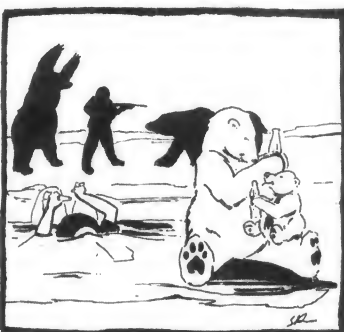
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Maybe there's more to parenting than buying toys after all.

But I am still waiting for that Barbie birthday cake I never got.



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Letter to the Editor: Internet Woes

Dear Editor:

It should have been a typical Sunday night for me, spent working on Economics homework while actually surfing Facebook and chatting with my friends on AIM.

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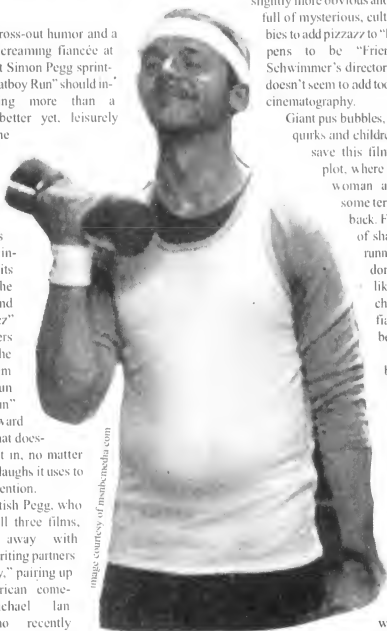


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Second Annual Battle of the Bands Friday

By **STONE FERRELL and TALI SCHILLER**
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It's that time of year, again. The sun is starting to shine, the flowers are beginning to bloom, and Grave-Robbing Extravaganza is preparing to melt our faces.

It's time for Battle of the Bands. With more sound and two stages, Battle of the Bands is going to be a night to remember.

On Friday, April 18, UMW will host nine acts in a celebration of Mary Wash's rich music scene. Each band on the roster brings its own flavor to the table, coming together in a night that will have something for everyone. Looking at the line-up, it's easy to recognize a few of the names. Oldies and rookies, hardened vets and fresh faces means a night of stiff competition for everybody. But if you talk to the bands themselves, it's all about putting on a great show.

Each of the acts will be competing for a chance to open on Devil-Goat Day, but that's not all. The first-place winner will take home the prize, a \$500 gift certificate to Guitar Center. The second-place winners will receive a \$300 gift card, and the third-place guys will get a \$200 Guitar Center gift card.

The chance at a sweet prize is the last thing on the mind of Junk Science's harmonica/trumpet player, UMW senior Matt Bradshaw.

He's just glad people will get to hear Junk Science's music, and is looking forward to the chance to play with bands that he can't help complimenting.

Formed with a few friends about two years ago, Junk Science has a five-track EP under its belt and will be performing songs from that, along with many newer ones. Fans should especially look out for "Got No Reason," which Bradshaw describes as a taste of Junk Science's new, more mature sound. That and a "Good, groovy dance tune."

While the roster for the Battle of the Bands is too long and too sweet to go into rich detail, there are introductions in order.

Grave Robbing Extravaganza should be new to no one. This well known campus band describes themselves as "progressively leaning melodic metal," and features senior Christian Tenney and

junior Colin Deyman on guitar, senior Lewis Kopenhaver on bass and vocals, and senior Evan Henry on drums. GRE (as they are colloquially known) is looking forward to playing their second to last show together before going on indefinite hiatus. After Tenney, Kopenhaver, and Henry graduate.

They were the winners of last year's Battle of the Bands, rocking some faces off in spring '07 and are looking to do it again this Friday.

"We're going in with no expectations, just wanna go in and play. Looking forward to playing with Junk Science and No Sunlight for the Media, some bands we've played with before, lots of familiar people, and it'll be a fun time. We're looking to getting a big crowd and having some fun with some metal," said Tenney.

The Console War started in Northern Virginia and have been on temporary hiatus since school started up again for senior and Bulletin editor-in-chief Will Copps, TCW's drummer. For Copps, it's all about bringing the show home to Mary Washington, "I'm excited to play with this



Image courtesy of Forrest Marquisee
(Above) Sophomore Forrest Marquisee who will perform solo. (Left) Senior Lewis Kopenhaver sticks it to the man.

tranquilizer trip hop." Put together in fall of 2007, the band features Nelson on vocals/drum machine and The Methamphetamines' Adam Holofcener on drums.

This newcomer's stripped down sound mixes harsh beats and harsher lyrics with a distinctive disdain for propriety. When asked what they'd be bringing to the competition, Nelson's answer was both concise and characteristic: "T & A."

After a long year away, UMW's Battle of the Bands is back and better than ever. On Friday, April 18, for the price of free, come down to the Great Hall and cheer on your favorite band while getting to know next year's big names.

Battle of the Bands starts at 8 pm on Friday in the Great Hall and is free for students.

Explosions in the Sky: Live Bliss

UMW Freshman Ryan Marr Revels in the Glory

By **RYAN MARR**
Staff Writer

Despite a plethora of automotive obstacles, four Mary Washington freshmen and I still managed to catch cinematic-rock troubadours Explosions in the Sky April 11 in Norfolk, Virginia for a concert experience unlike any other.

Hailing from Austin, Texas, this four-piece, self proclaimed "rock" band are best known for their original score of the major motion picture, Friday Night Lights, a film that neatly paired the group's flair for dynamics with the emotional tensions of Texas high school football.

Explosions in the Sky are easily the best live act to come out of Texas, and arguably, America. A bold statement, one I am sure those who are unfamiliar with their live show will be quick to refute with the names of any number of band's bands that might put the same energy and passion into an entire tour that Explosions in the Sky pack into an hour and a half set every night.

This past Friday was no exception.

I arrived in time to grab an open spot on the upper balcony just before the house lights went down to thunderous applause and the opening guitar tones of "First Breath After Coma." The song builds as the title suggests, as a repetitive note, designed to emulate the beeps of a hospital heart monitor, gives way to a pulsing bass line imitating a human heartbeat. The song's "pulse" then becomes increasingly lost amidst billowing melodies that escalate to a furious climax of screaming guitars.

To a stress-ridden college student, the experience was sheer joy. A dead man walking lately, I felt myself slip out of a school-induced coma of term papers and textbooks as wailing guitar har-

monies bounced off the dingy, black walls of the club, shooting shivers up and down my wiry spine.

The band's songs typically follow a standard post-rock formula perfected by bands like Mogwai and Godspeed You! Black Emperor. Interlocking melodies are played softly at first, and then slowly begin to build and intertwine as the music crescen-

Other than a few brief remarks before and after the set, the members entirely refrained from speaking during the show. Yet I felt the lack of banter between songs was a smart move by the band-it gave the entire set a unique feel as the songs merged to become one long composition greater than just the sum of their individual parts.

sections, the band hammered into their trademark climaxes with dazzling white lights flashing in time with the bass drum.

The band saved their knockout punch for the end, however, syncing up the blinding crowd lights to the last three pounding chords of "Memorial."

Devine turned 19 last Friday and couldn't have pictured a better ending to his birthday. After the show ended, he remarked that Explosions in the Sky "blew just about every other band I've seen out of the water. You could tell they played their hearts out."

So much so, in fact, that the band does not play encores, ever. A little more than a year ago, at my first Explosions in the Sky show, Rayani explained to a disappointed crowd that the band members were on the verge of collapsing after putting everything they had into the performance.

Even as merely an audience member, the set is exhausting. I'm not even sure I could have handled the sensory overload of another encore. For me, a great live show is a catharsis, a purging of daily life and all the inane activities that go with it from my consciousness- at least for a few hours. That's the most I could ask for from any rock band- with Explosions in the Sky, I've come to expect it.



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dos; Explosions in the Sky uniquely take off, however, as the guitar feedback climbs, the melodies fuse together, and the sound amplifies in an onslaught of distortion that soars to the rafters.

During one such maelstrom in "Catastrophe and the Cure," one member even dropped his guitar in favor of two drumsticks which he proceeded to slam into a nearby snare drum with the energy of a caged animal.

Fellow freshman Charlie Devine might have articulated it best when, after the song ended, he turned to me and said, "That was fricken awesome!"

One particularly effective transition found guitarist Munaf Rayani frenetically dragging his guitar all over the floor of the stage, looping the sounds his amp picked up through a delay effect that faded into the next song.

With only these brief interruptions in between the songs, the band relied heavily on sound dynamics and lighting to hold the attention of their audience throughout the set.

Although not quite a Daft Punk caliber visual orgy, Explosions in the Sky's light show nicely accented the music without distracting from it. Opting for dim reds and blues during the more mellow

Ryan Marr would like to thank Matt Park and Chris Young for their help with his automotive woes.

Features

Pipe Band Preps For Fest

By BRYNN BOYER
Staff Writer

On Sunday afternoons during the school year, the sound of bagpipes and drums echoes through Pollard Hall. Members of the University of Mary Washington Eagle Pipe Band are busy practicing for their fast-approaching competition season.

Last Saturday, the band performed at the Multicultural Fair and in less than a month they will compete in the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival.

For now, Dr. Ray Scott, UMW chemistry professor and the band's pipe major, focuses the band on the three to four minutes of music they will compete with.

"To prepare for a competition, we have to work four songs to death," Scott said. "But for a concert we get to work on 20 different tunes. That practice would probably be more interesting."

The two hour, once-a-week practices, plus the every day individual practice commitment, ensures that every member will have the songs memorized and polished for the performances or competitions.

"The funny thing about bagpiping is that you have to memorize all the music," Scott said. "We get a new batch of tunes in November and by spring, they're all memorized."

Last season, the Eagle Pipe Band traveled to four competitions. At the last one, in Richmond, they won first place out of six bands in the grade five division. Out of the five divisions of pipe bands, grade five is beginning and grade one denotes world-class professionals.

Scott, a previous member of grade one bands who has been piping since age 10, sees advantages to working with UMW's band.

"It's in town, there are no personality clashes, no internal politicking," he



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Mary Washington's Eagle Pipe Band performs in front of Monroe Hall. Since performing at the Multicultural Fair, the band has been preparing for the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival.

said, "and we have the opportunity to do a lot of interesting things."

Sophomore Chance Bell loves the competition atmosphere and is looking forward to the band's trip this summer to the Ohio Scottish Games.

"[Competitions] are really fun because they give band members the opportunity to perform, receive feedback on those performances, and to connect with other pipers and drummers in the pipe band community," Bell said.

This season, the band hopes to compete in six competitions, as well as several festivals and community events.

A little over 10 years ago, what would become the award-winning Eagle Pipe Band consisted of Scott and a handful of students marching and playing down campus walk during the 1997 Commencement. Former Mary Washington College President William Anderson encouraged the school to adopt the piping group and in Sept.

1997, the Eagle Pipe Band was formed.

The current 25 member band has grown to include pipers, drummers and Scottish dancers.

In addition to the musicians and dancers, the band also has had a drum major for the past three years.

Bekah Sargeant, a junior, explained that when she was Massaponax High School's drum major, she heard about

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Walk For Blind

By KAITLIN MAYHEW
Staff Writer

The National Federation for the Blind (NFB) is "changing what it means to be blind."

In an effort to raise community awareness for their cause and raise funds, Michael Kasey is heading its annual Fredericksburg chapter walkathon.

"Blindness is just a characteristic of a person and not a tragedy," said Kasey, NFB Fredericksburg chapter president.

While proceeds from the walkathon, to be held April 19 at City Dock, will fund scholarships for blind students attending college such as UMW alumnus Katrina Martin, and training for blind youth at NFB centers, NFB's significance to the Fredericksburg blind community reaches far past financial support.

"We are mentors for all people in the area that are blind. We believe that we can give the encouragement to anyone who wants it, to live an independent life," Kasey said.

The NFB provides a voice for the blind in issues of legislature in the General Assembly and Congress. Within the community, they promote the use of Braille, including several programs working to provide Braille menus, bus schedules, and church bulletins in an effort to make these

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Students Scrounge On \$2 A Day

By MELANIE WALTER
Special to The Bulletin

This week you might be aware of some rather unusual goings on as you trudge across campus to your morning class or climb the stairs to Seacobeck for lunch. People you're accustomed to seeing in the dorm, clean, friendly, and well fed, are grimy, begging for leftovers and milling about in a vast shanty town located in Ball Circle.

What, you might ask, could possibly inspire a group of college students to live like this?

Well, The Economic Development Club's \$2 Challenge is back again!

Approximately 30 UMW students are simulating life in abject poverty in hopes of drawing awareness to the challenges confronting more than half of the world's population each day. For the duration of the week, participants must contrive to purchase or scavenge the essentials: food, water, school supplies, toiletries, and other amenities, staying within a \$2 per day income.

The challenge requires participants to boil water before consuming it and use electronic devices only during daylight hours in order to better mimic the standard of living, and resources available in poor countries where uncontaminated water and electricity cannot be taken for granted.

By attempting to live as the world's poor do, participants hope to gain some insight into their plight and motivate activism among their peers, becoming a force for positive change.

This year, Professor Humphrey's

Economic Development Class and the \$2 Challenge are partnering with Students Helping Honduras. Together, these groups seek to meet a \$5,000 fundraising goal. All proceeds from the challenge will be used to implement the La Ceiba Microfinancial Institution (MFI) in Siete de Abril, and Soleada Honduras.

If the fundraising goal is met, La Ceiba will be able to implement training programs that will provide borrowers with the necessary business skills to operate a profitable firm. Also, using the challenge money, Dr. Humphrey intends for La Ceiba to issue its first 15 microfinance loans in January of next year.

Microfinance was first introduced by Nobel Prize winner Mohamed Yunus in the 1970s. Today, it is widely considered the best means of stimulating economic development in underdeveloped nations. It enables the people of developing nations to assume responsibility for their own future, rather than providing them with temporary assistance in the form of grants or hand-outs. While it has proved effective throughout the developing world, over 70% of micro-credit is issued in Asia. La Ceiba will provide valuable financial services to entrepreneurs in Latin America, a region that has received little attention in the microfinance movement thus far. Local entrepreneurs will be able to apply for \$50-\$100 loans and participate in savings programs. Access to these resources will enable them to start small businesses, elevating their own standard of living and providing the im-

petus for sustainable long-run economic growth.

As the challenge draws to a close, the Economic Development Club is asking the university community to help them reach their \$5,000 goal. They invite students, faculty, and staff to participate in any way they can and offer several suggestions.

Starting next week, students can take the challenge, constrain your daily income to \$2 a day for as many days as you desire, and donate the difference between what you would have spent and your \$2 a day income to the Two Dollar Challenge.

Students can donate securely online. All donations go to Students Helping Honduras and are tax deductible. A student can also sponsor a Two Dollar Challenge participant.

Through this challenge, students are asked to spread the word about global poverty and pass along our homepage (twodollarchallenge.org) to friends, family members, local organizations, and places of worship.

For this one week in April, participants in the \$2 Challenge are hungry, thirsty, and constantly fatigued. At the end of the week, the students will return to their dorm room, take a hot shower, and have a glass of clean water. Impoverished families will not. Please keep that in mind, even as you laugh at the absurdity of the students' behavior or barter with them for a pair of clean socks. Hopefully our university will come together, and help Honduras take the first step toward sustainable economic growth.



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Professor Humphrey reads inside a \$2-a-day cardboard home.

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Reyes Inspires Honduras

Reyes Takes Time To Travel Around The U. S. For SHH, Shares Story For Girls From Orphanage

By ASHLEY JACOBY
Staff Writer

The major problem for girls like Maria Suyapa Reyes who live at an orphanage is that once they graduate from high school, they often do not have the resources to survive on their own.

Though the boys are sent to vocational schools so they can learn a trade and find work, often the girls are left to work in brothels, live in poverty, become single mothers, or end up in other bad situations.

Shin Fujiyama, '07 alumnus of the University of Mary Washington, realized just how terrible this situation was for these girls, and decided that he was going to work hard to change that.

"We have to do more than just temporary shelter," Fujiyama said. "They are trying to survive one day at a time."

Fujiyama first traveled to Honduras his junior year, and was blown away by the abject poverty that affected the children when he visited the Copromme orphanage in El Progreso, Honduras. That first trip to Honduras has permanently left him with a life-changing impression.

Fujiyama has since founded the campus organization Students Helping Honduras (SHH), a charity-based group, which helps the girls from the Copromme orphanage. The club's mission is to work with college students to mobilize different campuses in helping children in Honduras with their education through high school, and now on to college.

The club at the beginning was unique to UMW, but now there are 15 different chapters all over the East coast. The next step is to eventually expand to the West.

When Fujiyama first traveled to Honduras, he met 60 kids, including Reyes. Reyes, known more fondly as Yapa, had been living at the orphanage in Copromme for 15 years and had only traveled to a few different cities in Honduras prior to becoming involved with SHH.

Not only has Fujiyama dedicated his time to helping these girls, he has opened his house to girls from the orphanage who have no other place to go, and need shelter.

"The girls have to leave after they are done with high school, and they have no credits, no assets, no home, and no experience living on their own," Fujiyama said. "They are basically left to fend for themselves financially and physically."

Reyes' story is one that might not have happened were it not for the help of Fujiyama, SHH, and the students



Courtesy of studentshelpinghonduras.org

Maria Suyapa Reyes lived at the Copromme orphanage in El Progreso, Honduras for 15 years before attending UNITEC College on scholarship. Reyes is a strong member of UMW's SHH.

and they now "all want to be like Yapa, she is a personal hero."

Reyes is taking time off to travel with Fujiyama to speak about SHH, their mission, and the need for people to become aware of the girls who need money to go to college. This is the first time Reyes has been out of Honduras and her first time in the United States. She has visited San Diego, New York, and has been all over the state of Virginia. Soon, she will travel to the northeast region.

Highlights in Reyes' travels, she said, included Times Square, the touch screen monitor at Sheetz, and Chinatown in New York. She also visited Seaworld.

"Shamu was her favorite," Fujiyama said.

Fujiyama and Reyes have been all over the country to spread the message about Copromme and the girls at Siete de Abril through fund-raising events, civic organizations, and rotary clubs. The general response has been a very positive one.

"Mary Washington is putting a stop to the stigma of orphan girls in Honduras

and not needing to go to college," Fujiyama said. "We want to be able to send each of them to school."

Next weekend, SHH is hosting its annual Walkathon to raise money for the girls who have graduated from the Copromme orphanage, and the organization expects people from all over the country to participate.

Fujiyama and Reyes have spoken to many that are eager to help, and many more that have been very influenced by their mission. Doris Buffett, founder of the Sunshine Lady Foundation, has provided a lot of help for SHH. This year, Buffett will donate a \$50,000 challenge grant if SHH can raise over \$65,000 through fund-raising efforts.

It costs \$1000 per year for a public university in Honduras. SHH is working to set up an endowment fund that will last forever to send the girls from Siete de Abril to college.

Through this endowment fund, SHH hopes to break the cycle of young women being displaced and instead, assuring them the chance to go to college.

"It is amazing how Mary Washington has banded together," Fujiyama said. "There is 100% support here to

help the girls from Copromme."

Fujiyama said that the Walkathon is the "one time in the whole year that everyone comes together for the same cause: Copromme."

It was a one-year process for Reyes to earn her visa so that she could make this trip. Reyes said that she is on a mission to help her friends from the Copromme orphanage to go to college, friends with whom she has shared everything, even shoes toothbrushes, and clothes while at the orphanage. She said she wants them to have the same experiences that she is having right now.

Many are glad to hear that Reyes is visiting UMW, and because of SHH's involvement in Honduras, she has seen many friendly faces.

"I'm so happy to be here and to visit my friends."

Fujiyama often expresses his pride for Reyes as a strong, goal-oriented individual.

"Yapa works so hard, she never stops," Fujiyama said. "She's never going to stop until she achieves her goal. They are one big family, fighting together against all odds."

“There is 100% support here to help the girls from Copromme.”

-Shin Fujiyama

who have volunteered their time, traveling to Honduras to help these orphans.

A 2-year student in UNITEC college, Reyes was awarded one of only two scholarships available from UNITEC, Honduras' most prolific university. Reyes wakes up at 4:30 a.m. to catch a bus to take her to school each day, where she is studying international relations.

According to Fujiyama, Reyes has inspired the other girls at the orphanage

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID...

By BRITTANY De VRIES
Assistant News Editor

How does one cross paths with strangers, study for a well procrastinated final, make plans for coffee, end up where we all end up 3 a.m. Sunday morning with beer in hand, but in swivel seat, and eyes, though fatigued, reflecting millions of bright pixels?

It is the Internet, my friends, the World Wide Web, cyberspace, the online server to which we all subscribe our lives.

Blasphemy! Yet, despite the loaded criticism many of us young men and women receive from our elders, through which the internet is attributed to its explicitness, its social seclusion, its open-door policy that allows any lowly one or another to position himself with referential authority. This online network is seeping through the cracks with a revolutionary impulse.

It is an impulse that they just don't understand.

They don't understand the influence of an encyclopedia developed by the minds of absolutely anyone, and openly edited by anyone else.

They don't understand the personal sustenance of blogs and websites, where technological efficiency falls into the hands of the human palette.

They don't understand that the lexicon developed over time is a linguistic evolution, disparate from not only the laws now plaguing J.K. Rowling, but also from the standards of English.

Of course there is reason to be concerned that the human species from this generation forward will lose sight of all grammatical rules, not able to correct spelling errors, nor understand when one confuses a word for a word that is not a word at all.

L.O.L.

Developing from many tedious text messages, IM's, wall posts, and e-mails, in which our explosive young minds just cannot spit out all we want to say before the irritatingly loud space bar moves on, is not just an English slang about which our professors cringe. Word development, and particularly letter deletion, is embedded in history, letter by letter.

There is room enough to criticize this monopolizing, worldly-expanding, technologically preening system, but one cannot deny the grand educational, social, and technological platforms this broadband server has put us on.

Before we call in the enforcement, think about this generation's ability to renovate our written language, provide the hope for love to even the shyest Facebooker, and the ability to turn conversations and knowledge into a universal pool where every perspective is, at last, clearly heard.

NFB Earns \$

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simple necessary materials usable for the blind.

With over 50,000 members worldwide, the NFB is the largest group of the organized blind.

Its influence on the blind community and aid for blind individuals attempting to assimilate into society is unparalleled.

According to Kasey, there are no necessary qualifications for being a member of the NFB.

"We have two infants that are blind, several older blind and ages in between," he said.

The organization's Newsline telephone program is a newspaper reading service for those unable to read print, and Fredericksburg's own The Free Lance-Star is among the over 200 newspapers that are involved.

Members are provided with rides to NFB meetings, and to social and fundraising events.

"When a person that is blind first attends an NFB convention it most often is a life changing event," said Kasey. "It has been a positive force in my life that allows me to use my ability to reach out to others

and help them live a full life with high expectations."

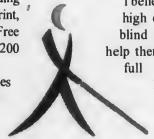
All of these amenities provided by the NFB would be impossible without their annual walkathon. Anyone who is interested is welcome to participate.

"Our walk is open to the public and we welcome all to just show up and walk with us. It is a fundraiser but also a community awareness event," Kasey said.

It is important to Kasey that the Fredericksburg community becomes more aware and accommodating of the blind.

The NFB works hard to provide the opportunity for the blind to gain independence, but it can be a struggle.

"I believe the NFB has high expectations of blind people which help them to achieve a full independent life," said Kasey.



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UMW Pipes

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the Eagle Pipe Band and decided to join as the drum major her freshman year.

"I had no experience with a Scottish band," Sergeant said. "The styles are completely different."

Sergeant's job is to march the band in and out at competitions and lead the band during what are called "mass bands" at competitions.

The Mary Washington community, who has the chance to see the dancers and hear the pipes in action at local parades, concerts and Commencement,

has overall been favorable to the Eagle Pipe Band.

Over 200 people are members of the Facebook group "Chance 'The Bagpiper' Bell Appreciation Group," which states it is for "those of us who run on the fuel of Chance's masterful bagpiping each day."

"Bagpipes aren't subtle and you can't ignore them," Scott explained. "There is nothing as horrible as poorly played bagpipes. But, if you do it right, tune the instrument and have someone who knows what they're doing, it can be quite pleasant."



POPSHOT
In NBC's Seinfeld, an image of the Superman comic hero can be found embedded into every episode.

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News

Combs Hall Closes for Summer 2008

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Last summer, dehumidifiers were placed throughout Combs in an attempt to remove moisture from the air. However, Tim Massey, director of maintenance services, said that they were only a temporary solution.

"Humidifiers are only effective in small areas and are not effective in lowering the temperature of the building overall," Massey said in a previous Bullet article.

Junior Serena Epstein, who attended summer classes in Combs last year, said that the air conditioning seemed to function well and that the dehumidifiers

were not disruptive.

"They were mostly in the hallways, and the classroom doors were closed during classes," she said.

Epstein said that she was under the impression that the purpose of the HVAC renovations was to protect the books and documents stored in Combs.

"The dehumidifiers were in place primarily to protect documents and books in Combs rather than for the comfort of the students and faculty," she said.

The installation of the new HVAC system will take place over three months and will be completed by the fall.



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Faster Internet to Come

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clement weather.

UMW currently buys its internet access through Network Virginia, a provider that also handles contracts for many public entities such as other universities and public organizations.

In addition to problems with the University network, problems with Network Virginia services can also disrupt internet access at UMW.

"We buy it, they contract it, and when it malfunctions, we have to rely on them to fix it," German said. "It is an extremely complex network."

This past weekend, an undiagnosed problem based at Network Virginia resulted in disrupted internet connectivity across campus for several days.

German said that because the problem was not with UMW's equipment, there was nothing the University could do.

"It's extremely frustrating for our network technicians when everyone is thinking it's a problem here when actually it's in the outside environment," he said.

The extra bandwidth provided by the direct connection would eliminate such an occurrence, German said.

"This is exactly why we're buying new bandwidth," he said. "The problems over the weekend would probably not have happened with it."

Additionally, although Network Virginia will still handle the contract between the University and the new provider, it will no longer provide the bandwidth.

Currently, UMW pays \$53,000 a year for Internet access. German said that the new services should cost approximately the same amount, but that new equipment to install and run the system will cost about \$30,000.

"It will definitely cost us more, but we will be getting more use per dollar out of our network in the future," German said.

Sophomore Laura Pilati created the Facebook group "How-To Guide on Using the UMW Internet," which gives sarcastic advice on using the network.

"It's an issue that concerns everyone," she said. "This should be an example of what things will be like in the future if nothing is done."

German estimated that it will take 60 to 90 days for the vendor to get the equipment and install the network, but that the eventual result will be improved Internet access for the students.

"Everything online will be more reliable and will happen faster," he said. "Almost everything online has the potential for having academic merit, and we want to give students access to that."

Bids for the contract will close on Friday, and according to German, a new vendor should be selected within a few days.

JRB Makes a Splash



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Senior Eddy Thornton, a member of Class Council, supervises the dunking booth at the JRB's Drench the Bench event.



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Arrest Made in Slashings



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Travis Allen Davis of Locust Grove, Va. will face direct indictment on felony vandalism in front of a Fredericksburg Grand Jury April 28. Davis, pictured above, will face charges stemming from over 40 punctured bicycle tires that were stabbed outside of Alvey and Arrington Halls on Tuesday April 8.

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Sports



Senior Riley Gorman drives in a run against Villa Julie in their CAC Quarterfinals match. Emily McAlpine/Bullet

Baseball Cruises to Semis

By JOEY MERKEL
Sports Editor

After ending the regular season 20-10, with a 12-6 conference record, the University of Mary Washington men's baseball team earned a number three seed in the end of the year CAC playoffs tournament.

Tuesday, the Eagles faced off against Villa Julie College. Sophomore right-hander Andrew Cox was given the start for

the first game of the tournament.

With the opportunity, Cox threw eight and two-thirds innings, compiling ten strikeouts and only walking four batters. Senior Seth Kaas came in in the ninth inning and earned the save.

The Eagles came out firing, getting four runs in the second inning.

Freshman Eric Rehbein and sophomore Seamus Bergen led the hitting attack going five for seven with three runs and

two RBIs between them.

The 8-5 win against Villa Julie was not only a playoff win. The win also signified the team's 500th win in the program's history.

The Eagles will look to collect their 501st win today at 3:30 p.m. against Wesley College at the Battlegrounds.

One more win by the Eagles will get them into the CAC Championship game.

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Sports

Men's Lax Set for Semis

The Eagles Will Play Villa Julie in a Semifinal Showdown After Taking Down St. Mary's in the Quarters

By NICK JACOBS
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington men's lacrosse team advanced to the Capital Athletic Conference Semifinals Monday afternoon with a 7-4 win over St. Mary's College.

The reason for this late season burst is known by every individual on the team: A new mindset.

"Towards the begging of the season when people screwed up, it was just what was expected," said freshman midfielder Kohl Meyer. "Now no one expects it of anybody now. Whenever a pass is dropped, everyone gets down and the entire team tries to pick everyone up."

With the regular season over and the playoffs well underway head coach Kurt Glaeser thought the team could have started better, but is excited about the level of intensity exhibited within the team right now.

"There were some games I thought we could have won," Glaeser said. "But we are starting to play better. I thought a lot of this year was a mental transition year and that they were trying to get out of the mindset that mediocrity is okay. We have started to turn that around."

Glaeser sees evidence in this in how the team has carried themselves on and off the field these past few weeks. He grins when he thinks of players getting mad when they miss a shot or drop a pass.

"They want to make plays," he said. "We are

changing the attitude from a bunch of guys who hang out together and sometimes play lacrosse to 'we want to be a good lacrosse team' attitude."

Glaeser made special note to mention the team's new curfew on weekends. This has been an effort led by team captains to make sure their newly acquired winning attitude is always prevalent.

"Guys are stepping up and being leaders, both on and off the field," he added.

The Eagles, who finished their regular season with a 6-6 record overall and a 4-3 record in the CAC, lost the coin flip tie-breaker for fourth place in the standings. This bad luck did not follow them to St. Mary's where the defense and goalkeeping greatly improved from the last time Mary Washington faced St. Mary's.

Freshman goalkeeper Ryan Kleman tallied 20

saves for the game while his defense was perfect in keeping the ball out of the net during St. Mary's seven extra-man opportunities.

"Overall we have just been communicating and any defense over time is just going to become more used to the system," Kleman said. "We

worked really hard against St. Mary's and that is because we worked hard the day before at practice."

The Eagles defense greatly improved from the last time they faced St. Mary's where the Eagles gave up 10 more goals in a 14-4 loss.

This improved play needs to continue when Mary Washington plays nationally ranked number one Villa Julie College today at 4:00 p.m.

Kleman knows what his defense needs to do in order to keep Villa Julie's powerful offense in check.

"I think we should do the same thing we did against Salisbury," he said. "Basically we need to slow the game down and don't make it a run-and-gun game like Villa Julie likes. Mary Washington

has never been an offensive power house so we need the game to be under ten goals."

Glaeser still emphasizes the need for focus and discipline against Villa Julie.

"The first time we played Villa Julie, who is a great team, we fouled them 11 times and that gave them the difference in the game," Glaeser said. "On man down defense all of our mistakes our fundamental. We need to do what we have been doing against everyone else so that they have to make a great play."

He added confidently, "We are always talking about the mentality to make plays and when your turn comes you have to be ready to make plays and you can't pass that responsibility off. Guys are beginning to do that."

Meyer is a testament to how the players have responded to Glaeser's coaching.

"At the beginning of the season our offense was all about the individual," he said. "Now, we are all more confident in ourselves and as a whole, which is something Glaeser has been wanting us to do all year."

He added, "We are all moving the ball better and running his offense. We finally see how it works."

If this rebirth of spirit is not too late for the Eagles and they win today, they will advance to the CAC finals where they will likely face number one Salisbury University. In order to make it to the NCAA Tournament, Mary Washington will need the conference title.



Courtesy Clint Offin

“
Guys are stepping up and being leaders, both on and off the field
”

-Coach Kurt Glaeser

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Villa Julie No Match For UMW



Emily McAlpine/Bullet

Junior pitcher Kirsten Rowell hurled the ball toward the plate in the Eagle's CAC first round tournament game. The Eagles put away Villa Julie 3-2 this past Tuesday and will play York College today in the second round of the tournament.

Athlete of the Week



Courtesy Clint Offin

Junior Andrew Cox struck out ten batters in his near complete game against Villa Julie in the first round of the CAC tournament.

Team of the Week

The Men's Baseball team collected their 500th win this past Tuesday against Villa Julie. At the same time they were able to advance to the semifinals of the CAC tournament.

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Women's Lax: Fell to St. Mary's College, 19-12

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Tennis Puts Away Hood

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Blink and you would have missed it.

The University of Mary Washington men's tennis team made quick work of Hood College this past Sunday at the Battlegrounds.

The Eagles topped the bottom-seeded Blazers 9-0 after getting the no. 2 seed in the tournament, behind only Salisbury University.

Salisbury was awarded a bye in the first round but can almost expect to see the Eagles flying in to the finals next week.

The Eagles' win was highlighted by the performances of senior Govinda Avasara and junior Jason Dunn.

Avasara won his doubles competition 8-0 with partner Dunn, and followed up with a 6-

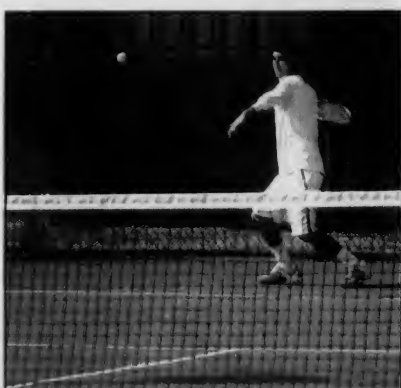
1, 6-0 performance in his singles match.

Dunn had an impressive singles match of his own, beating his opponent 6-0, 6-0.

This Friday, the men's team will face off with York College of PA in a CAC tournament semifinal match up.

In their first meeting of the year Mary Washington showed virtually no weaknesses in an 8-1 win.

With a win over York on Friday, the Eagles will compete in the championship match that will take place this Sunday.



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Junior Randy Loden fires a forehand against Salisbury University, the team's only CAC loss this year.